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(54) VIRTUAL ROUTER CONTROLLING SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To execute the transmission and the reception of data between a network management system and a switchboard by setting another line as an alternative route at the time of the fault in one line. CONSTITUTION: The XR 12 of an SWE 1 informs an OMX 11 of the data for an IPX from the lines 3,4. An NR 23 transmits the data to the SWE 1 by using the normal line from the higher rank of a routing table. When an IPM 25 in a WS 21 receives the data of the SWE 1 for the IPX, it transmits this data to the NR 23 connected by an IPR. The NR 23 transmits the data to the transmitting destination IP address of the received data through an E 22 even though it receives the data from any line of the E 22. The NR 23 and the XR 12 transmit mutually a health check signal periodically to each line 3,4 in order to detect the abnormality of the lines 3,4, and the XR 12 and the NR 23 return their answer signals. The NR 23 and the XR 12 confirm these answer signals, and change the corresponding IP state of the routing table TN or TX.
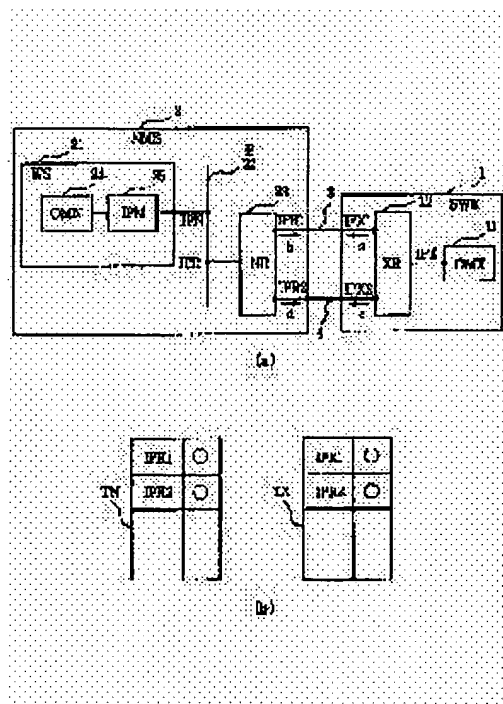
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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]
[Claim 1] It is the virtual router control system which gives the IP address for routers for every circuit of
said in a switching system equipped with the exchange connected with the router which a network-
control system has by the TCP/IP protocol by two or more circuits while giving the IP address
corresponding to the exchange corresponding to said body of the exchange to said exchange, and is
characterized by for said exchange to make the signal of said IP address going corresponding to the
exchange via said router ability ready for receiving from said every circuit corresponding to said IP
address for routers.
[Claim 2] Said exchange is a virtual router control system according to claim 1 characterized by using
said circuits other than said failure circuit when it has the virtual router which detects a failure circuit
with a router protocol between said router and said IP address for routers and a signal is transmitted to
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]
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[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the virtual router control system in the switching system connected with the exchange by the TCP/IP protocol (transmission control protocol/internetprotocol) by the circuit via a router in a network-control system.
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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] In this conventional exchange system, when the circuit between a network-control system and the exchange became a failure, there was a trouble of it becoming impossible to control this exchange.
[0004] The purpose of this invention is for the exchange to offer the router control system can receive the signal of IP address going corresponding to the exchange via the router of a network-control system from every circuit corresponding to the IP address for routers, and it enabled it to transmit by the alternative route from a network-control system at the time of a line failure.
[0005]
[Means for Solving the Problem] In a switching system equipped with the exchange connected with the router with which a network-control system has the virtual router control system of this invention by the TCP/IP protocol by two or more circuits While giving the IP address corresponding to the exchange corresponding to said body of the exchange to said exchange, the IP address for routers is given for said every circuit. It is characterized by said exchange making the signal of said IP address going corresponding to the exchange via said router ability ready for receiving from said every circuit corresponding to said IP address for routers.
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[0008] As shown in ** (a) of drawing 1 - drawing 5 , the switching system of this example consists of the exchange (henceforth, SWE) 1 and the network-control system (henceforth, NMS) 2 which were connected by circuits 3 and 4.
[0009] SWE1 is equipped with the virtual router (henceforth, XR) 12 to which router circuit IP addresses IPX1 and IPX2 were given, and the maintenance employment section (henceforth, OMX) 11

to which the OMXIP address IPX was given.

[0010] Moreover, NMS2 is equipped with the workstation (henceforth, WS) 21 which has the maintenance employment section [less or equal OMN24 and IP protocol control section (henceforth, IPM) 25, and a router (henceforth, NR) 23, and, as for NR23, ****** router circuit IP addresses IPR1 and IPR2 are given to router circuit IP addresses IPX1 and IPX2 of XR12. And WS21 and NR23 are connected by the WSIP address IPN and NMS router IP address IPR of ISANETTO (henceforth, E) 22, respectively.

[0011] Furthermore, NR23 and XR12 have the routing tables TN and TX, respectively, and as shown in each drawing (b), the normality and selection ranking of a router circuit IP address corresponding to circuits 3 and 4 are shown in these routing tables TN and TX.

[0012] In SWE1 shown in each drawing (a), even if XR12 of SWE1 receives data from any of circuits 3 and 4, it notifies the data for the OMXIP addresses IPX to OMX11. NR23 will transmit to SWE1 from the high order of a routing table using a normal circuit, if the data for the OMXIP addresses IPX are received from E22.

[0013] IPM25 in WS21 will transmit this data to NR23 connected by NMS router IP address IPR, if the data for the OMXIP addresses IPX of SWE1 are received. Even if NR23 receives data from the circuit of E22 throat, it transmits to the transmission place IP address of received data by E22 course.

[0014] In order that NR23 and XR12 may detect the abnormalities of circuits 3 and 4 mutually, a health check signal is periodically transmitted to each circuits 3 and 4, and if a health check signal is received, XR12 and NR23 of a receiving side will return the reply signal. And NR23 and XR12 of a transmitting side check this reply signal, and they change the routing table TN or applicable IP condition of TX.

[0015] Next, actuation of this example is explained.

[0016] As for drawing 1 (a), XR12 shows the case where delivery and NR23 return reply signals b and d for the health check signals a and c to NR23, through circuits 3 and 4, respectively. In this case, since reply signals b and d are in both the circuits 3 and 4 on the contrary normally, the condition on the routing table TX becomes normal"O" also with both routers circuit IP addresses IPR1 and IPR2, as shown in drawing 1 (b).

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[0024]

[Effect of the Invention] As explained above, this invention has the effectiveness that one circuit can set other circuits as an alternative route at the time of a failure, and can transmit and receive data between a network-control system and the exchange, by forming a virtual router in the exchange and linking directly by the router in a network-control system, and two or more circuits.

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[Description of Notations]
1 Exchange (SWE)
2 Network-Control System (NMS)
3 Four Circuit
11 24 Maintenance employment section (OMX, OMN)
12 Virtual Router (XR)
21 Workstation (WS)
22 ISANETTO (E)
23 Router (NR)
25 IP Protocol Control Section (IPM)
IPN WSIP address
IPR NMS router IP address
IPR1, IPR2, IPX1, IPX2 Router circuit IP address
IPX OMXIP address
TN, TX Routing table
a, c, e, g Health check signal
b, d, f, h Reply signal
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j Data for NMS from SWE
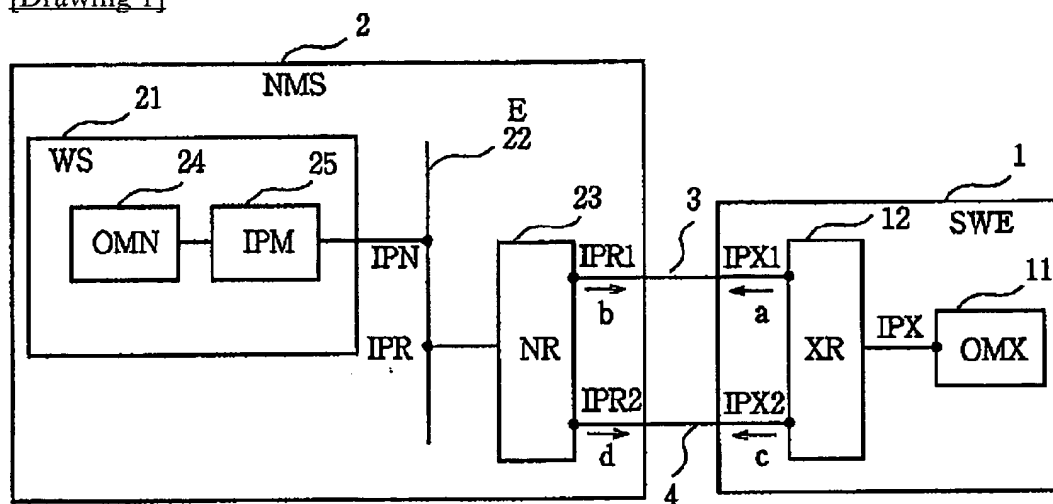

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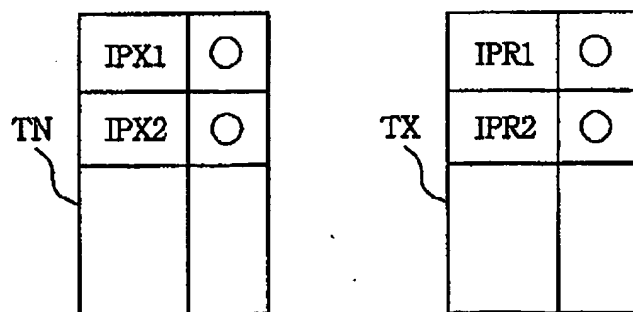**Japan Patent Office is not responsible for any damages caused by the use of this translation.**

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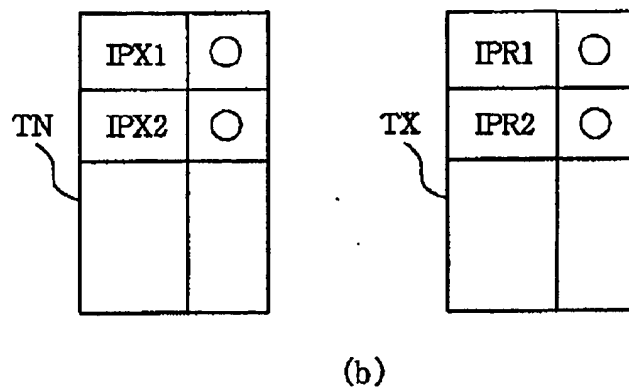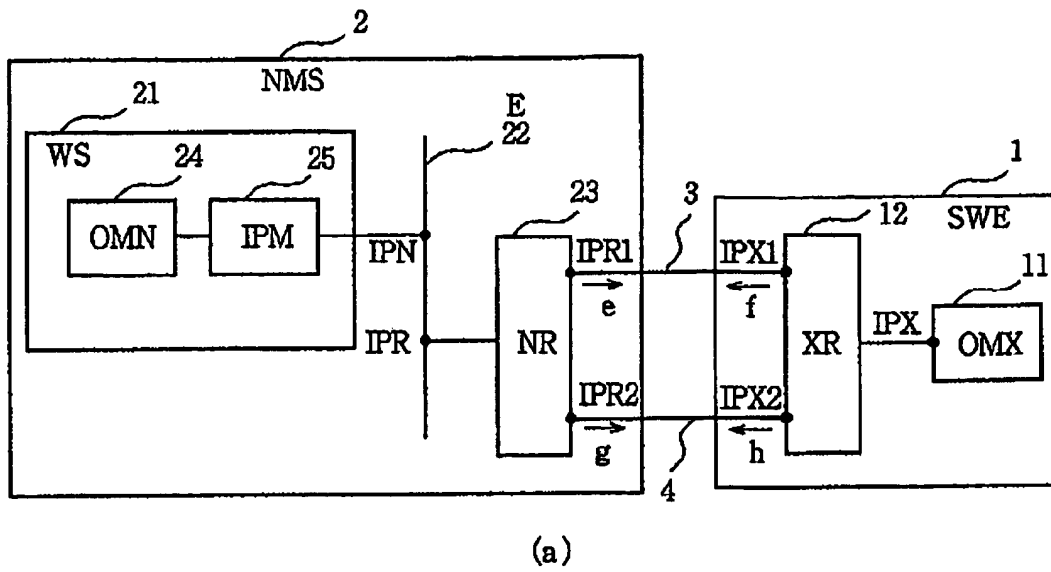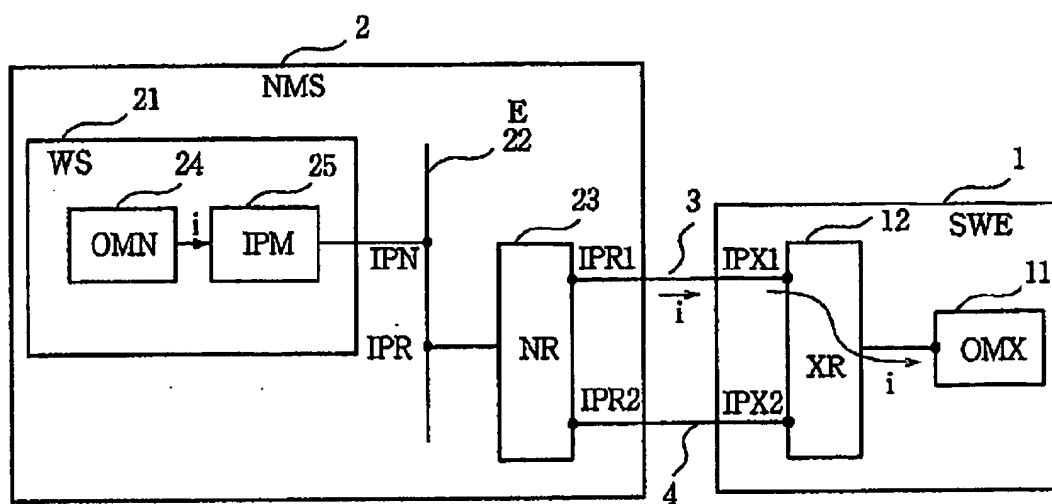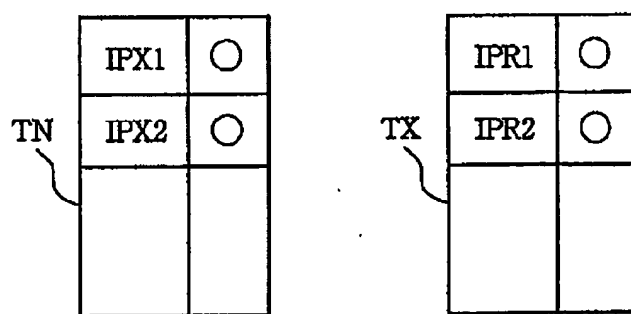

DRAWINGS

[Drawing 1]

(a)

(b)

[Drawing 2]

2
NMS
21
WS 24 25
OMN IPM IPN
IPR

E 22

23
NR IPR1
e
IPR2
g

3
IPX1
f
IPX2
h
4

1
12 SWE
XR IPX 11
OMX

(a)

IPX1	○
IPX2	○

TN

IPR1	○
IPR2	○

TX

(b)

[Drawing 3]

(a)

(b)

[Drawing 4]

2

NMS

21

WS 24 25

OMN i IPM

E
22

23

3

IPX1 12 SWE

1

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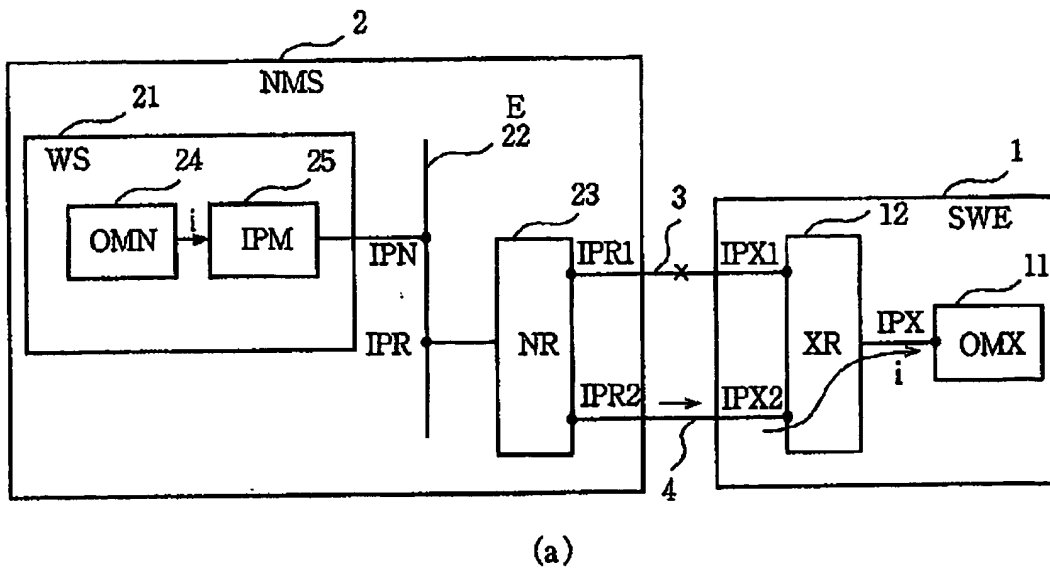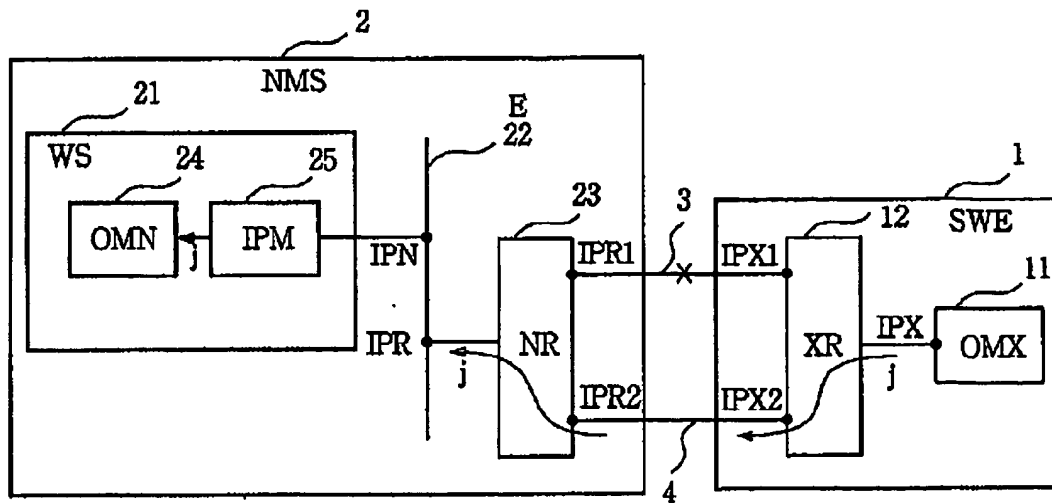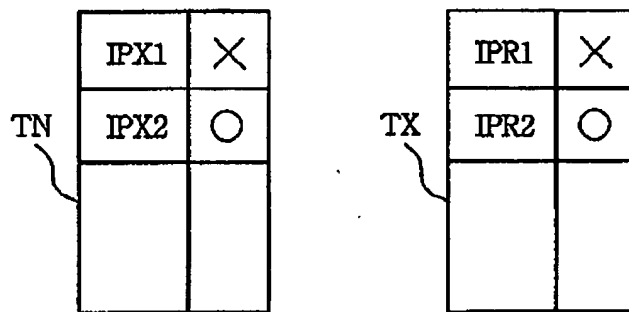| TN	IPX1	✕
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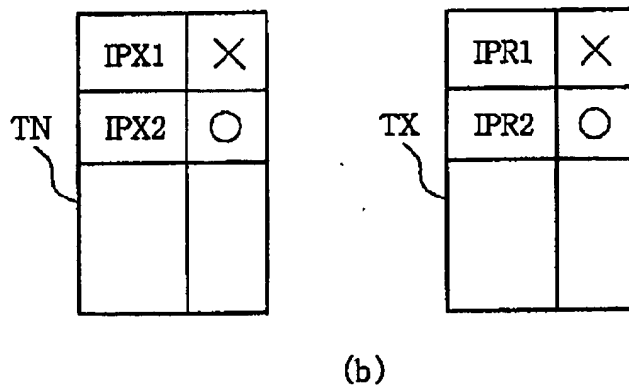
[Drawing 5]

(a)

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